



# Pentwater Lake Association

July 2013

## Summer

### *Sunken Boats of Pentwater Lake*

by Joe Primozich

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These two locally owned working boats sank 120 years apart from each other without the weather having any influence in their demise. The lake sinking on March 19 of this year of the Hilton barge brought to mind the sinking of the Wannatee in about 1890. A similarity in both sinkings is that they are about 200 yards from each other on the west side of the lake, just north of the intersection of South Beach Street and Chester Street in the village limits. One difference is that the Hilton barge was pulled back up out of the lake and remains at dock side as of this writing. No attempt was ever made to pull the Wannatee out of the lake. With the low water level now, the corner deck framing of the Wannatee is clearly visible above the water line. Following are the sunken tales of these two Pentwater work boats.

The Wannatee has a history passed onto Denny Powers by his grandfather George and by Dave Noble's grandfather Elmo. Denny shared what he heard from both Elmo and his grandfather as follows. The boat was owned by several businessmen in Pentwater and at the time carried cargo to and from French Town and the railroad station across the lake to the stores of main street. Barrel staves, medicine bottles, and clay pipes were found in the wreckage to support this part of the story. With the area logging of the 1880's, loggers came into Pentwater for their breaks and relaxation. The Wannatee was known as a destination for those who enjoyed gambling with their paychecks. When the wives of the owners found out that work was not all that was going on at the anchored Wannatee, their ire was raised. They conspired to have the boat burned and sunk at anchor. Denny believes this part of the story has some truth to it as the cabin and some of the deck of the 36 foot cargo hauler were burned and blackened. With many businesses including furniture, bowls, lumber, brick, and fishing, Pentwater was a thriving business center and a hub for local traffic and interesting history for its time.

Just north of the Wannatee wreck is moored the Hilton barge, which is owned by Ralph Hilton of Hilton Marine Construction. The barge with dredging equipment was spotted sitting on the bottom tied up to its dock on March 20. The ice around it had broken up and the barge and equipment were under water. A diver was used to attach a cable to the barge and the dredging crane. Ralph Hilton then

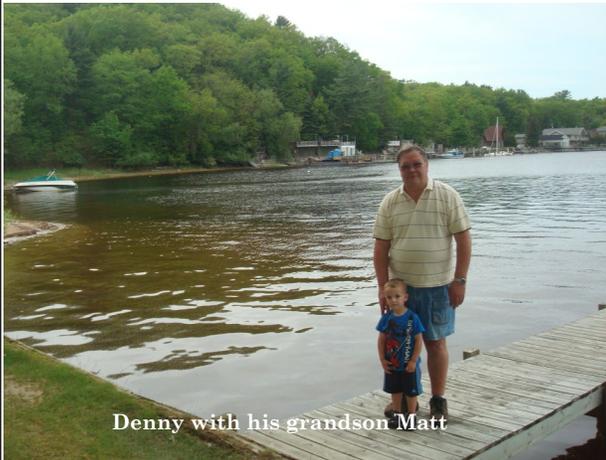


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used a truck winch and crane to pull the boat back to the surface. Once afloat, the roof of the crane showed damage as the barge was ripped open the full length. The barge has not been put to work this spring due to damages. No oil or gas spilled and so the case was turned over to the Coast Guard to let them handle the closing chapter of the story.

Special thanks to Denny Powers for sharing pictures of the Wannatee. A picture of Denny and his grandson, Matt, is shown with the top rail of the Wannatee still above water and the Hilton Barge moored dock side behind and across the bay. Matt is the fifth generation of Powers to use the old orchard farm property. Denny's grandfather made the home/cottage from the orchard barn. The old railroad grade was dug out by hand to create road access to Chester Street.



Denny with his grandson Matt



THE WANNTAEE

## Thanks - Pentwater Sport Fishing Association!

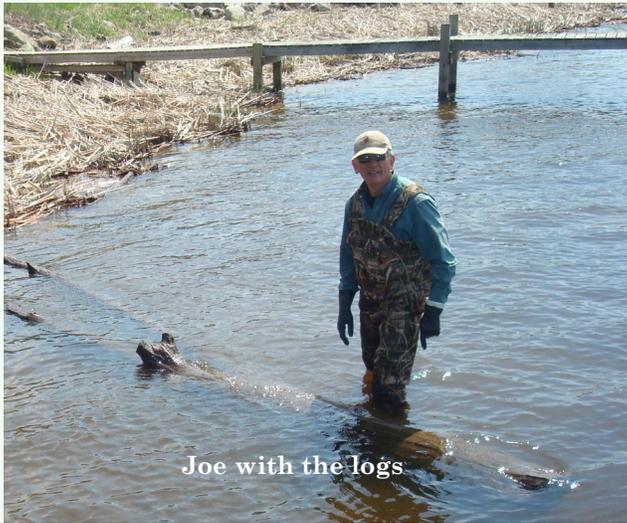
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Everyone that uses the channel after dark appreciates your dedication to resetting the solar lights on May 19. They are a big bonus for those boating in unfamiliar waters when they first come into our harbor.

Also, it was a great Memorial Weekend Salmon and Trout Fishing Derby for the 29th time. This is the largest amateur tournament on this side of the state and registered 53 boats this year. Over \$3500 went out as prizes. The top fish caught were: 21.7 lb. king salmon, 13 lb. lake trout, 7.5 lb. steelhead, and 6.3 lb. brown trout. The number of fish caught was about the same as last year, but the kings averaged 5 lbs. heavier than the big ones a year ago.



# The President's Message - *The Rising Hopes of Pentwater*



Joe with the logs

By Joe Primozich

The faces and conversations in Pentwater Village this spring were hopeful and upbeat for a number of reasons. The most obvious was the rising Pentwater Lake water levels which are bouncing back from their record setting winter lows. The month of April registered the largest monthly rise of Lake Michigan water levels in the history of record keeping. It went up 12 inches. It also received another 3 inch boost with the May rain. With rain occasionally covering the area this past week of June 9th, we picked up another 2 inches of local rain. This has helped the end of the channel go from a depth of 6-7 feet to most recently 7.7 feet. There is still concern over dredging the channel as a Ludington sailboat did damage to its rudder in

May while leaving the channel in rough seas. The channel solar lights have been installed by the Pentwater Sport Fishing Association. This allows for easier passage in the dark in the channel. Fishermen this spring are recording salmon going 5 pounds heavier than this time last year. The biggest as of this writing is 26 lbs. 7 oz.

Two timbers were brought to the surface this spring during different rain events. Mac McCaleb with his boat, Mr. Cub, towed the logs to the south launch so they could be floated over a submerged trailer, lifted out of the water, and then disposed of on land by Joe Primozich. The one 26 foot long tree top needed to be cut up first and then towed. But the most encouraging news was the discovery of the local eagles nest up the South Branch of the river with their two off spring. The young are bigger than crows at this point but keep an eye in the sky as they should be fledged and out on their own in July flying over their summer home, the Pentwater Lake and River system.



Towing logs

## Annual Strawberry Shortcake Social



The PLA annual Strawberry Shortcake Social will take place on **Thursday, August 8th during the weekend of Homecoming in Pentwater**. This delicious treat will be sold at the Village Green on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 pm while the crowd gathers for the special concert of the combined Village and Clown Bands. Come and enjoy the concert and support the Pentwater Lake Association as we kick off the annual Homecoming Weekend festivities. The cost for a delectable strawberry shortcake is just \$3.50, and cold water is \$1.00.

## VILLAGE HIRES NEW DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

Barbara Gremchuk has been hired as the Village of Pentwater's new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. She began her new position in late January and loves being so close to Lake Michigan every day. Born and raised in Chicago, Barb has spent time "up north" visiting relatives here since she was a youngster.

She taught for several years in the Chicago area with an art and social studies major. She has taught upper elementary school, drawing and painting classes, and algebra at Baker College. "I have always loved numbers," she stated, and she also enjoys her tenure as the Colfax Township Treasurer.

After earning her Master's Degree in Secondary Administration, Barb found a permanent home in the area where she could enjoy both her love of nature and her love of art.

Not only does she paint (chairs, gourds, and murals), Barb uses watercolor and oils, creates kiln glass vases, kinetic steel sculptures, loves photography, creates notecards, offers custom pieces and teaches art classes in her spare time. She has also participated in donating works of art to local fundraising organizations. Barb is very pleased with the webpage her daughter created, at [NeedMorArt@yahoo.com](mailto:NeedMorArt@yahoo.com), which highlights beautiful examples of her work and classes. The mother of three children is also the grandmother of five who range in age from two to eleven.

What she enjoys most about her new position is meeting and greeting residents and visitors alike, and being of service to the Community. Barb is also a Notary Public. You can contact her by phone at the Village Hall at (231)-869-8301 or by email at [bgremchuk@pentwatervillage.org](mailto:bgremchuk@pentwatervillage.org). You can also stop by to meet her in person Monday through Friday during Village Office hours or reach her at the [NeedMorArt@yahoo.com](http://NeedMorArt@yahoo.com) website.

Welcome to the community, Barb!



## FREE BOATER SAFETY CLASSES

The Pentwater Yacht Club will again host boater safety classes for area boaters this summer. The first session will be offered on Thursday and Friday, July 11th and 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The second session will take place on Monday and Tuesday, August 5th and 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Oceana County Sheriff's Department Marine Deputy Tim Simon will teach the classes which cover safety equipment, operations and legal requirements, anchoring, docking, and navigational aids. A boating safety certificate will be issued to participants by the State of Michigan, and classes are open to all residents and visitors age twelve or older. There is no charge for the classes which are co-sponsored by the Oceana County Sheriff's Department, the Pentwater Sport Fishing Association and the Pentwater Yacht Club. For more information or to register for either session, please contact Tim Simon at 231-873-6771 or Don VanZile at 231-301-0310. Don can also be reached at [dkvanzile@yahoo.com](mailto:dkvanzile@yahoo.com).



# 18th Annual Dinner Meeting

PLA members enjoy the 18th Annual Dinner Meeting on June 21st at St. Vincent's Church. Guest speakers for this year's event were Dr. Alan Steinman, Director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, GVSU, and Senator Goeff Hansen.



## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER MEETING REPORT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013**

St. Vincent's Church Fellowship Hall  
637 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pentwater

**SOCIAL TIME:** Members enjoyed a 6:00 p.m. social time with hors d'oeuvres prepared by Suzanne Hutchings of the Safe Harbor Inn.

**DINNER:** Joe Primovich welcomed members and guests. Mrs. Juanita Pierman provided the invocation and read a lovely poem about the Pentwater community. Members had their choice of salmon, chicken cordon bleu or vegetable lasagna. Table favors included red and white note pads and informational folders were provided.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

1. The minutes of the June 22, 2012 annual meeting were approved as submitted.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed by George Richey. The 2014 Budget was presented. We currently have 233 members. The report was approved as submitted. (See Condensed Statement)
3. Joe introduced the current Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and past PLA Presidents. He also recognized Beverly Kelly, Carol Nauta and Norma Oly (Publicity) for their service.

**ELECTIONS:** Joe introduced the three nominees for the board positions ending in 2016: Bill Bainton (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Valerie Church-McHugh (unable to attend) and Rhonda Shotwell (unable to attend). Motion by Juanita Pierman, second by Caroline Denlar, that the slate of nominees be approved. By voice vote, the motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Social Chair, Lynne Cavazos, thanked committee members for preparing notebooks, setting up the room and tables, issuing tickets and decorating. Those given applause were Lynne, Caroline Denlar, Carol Nauta, and all those who helped.
2. Lynne also noted that the Strawberry Shortcake Social would be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> this year on the Village Green. Norma will be calling volunteer workers soon.
3. Joe stated that the Water Quality is continuing its work throughout the summer.
4. He also reminded members that the next board meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Officers of the new board will be elected at that meeting.

### SPEAKERS:

1. Bill Bainton introduced Dr. Alan Steinman, Director of the Annis Water Resources Institute at Grand Valley State University. His power-point presentation on the condition of regional lakes was riveting. Pentwater Lake is in very good shape and he appreciates the testing that the PLA does every year.
  2. Joe introduced Senator Goeff Hansen who reviewed state level initiatives as well as expedited dredging projects. He distributed a DNR handout about the state's strategic Emergency Dredging Plan.
- Both speakers answered questions, were given a hearty round of applause and were presented with an honorarium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Door prizes were awarded by Lynne and Caroline to twenty members who received certificates for ice cream and sunset photos. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



**SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING: DR. ALAN STEINMAN, GVSU AND SENATOR GOEFF HANSEN**

# Summer Classes and Programs...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

## Charles Mears State Park – 2013 Events

- **Kite Making 101:** Mondays July 8 & 22 & August 5 & 19 at 7:00 PM at the Beach Pavilion- Cost Free!
- **Storytelling 101-** Fridays July 12 & August 16, 7:30 PM at the Friendship circle.
- **Sand Sculpting 101-** August 8th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM-
- **Sand Sculpting 202 -** August 8th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM



## MI State Parks: Fresh Air Fit Programs -

(taught by local fitness instructors)

Looking to switch up your workout routine? Now you can enjoy exercise in the great outdoors! Imagine meditating in a yoga class on the beach, or practicing tai chi in the peaceful surroundings of nature. Michigan State Parks are offering fitness classes this summer through the DNR's new Fresh Air Fit program.

### Charles Mears State Park

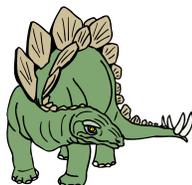
- **Yoga on the Beach:** June 12 - August 28, Wednesdays at 9:30 AM



Many more classes are listed online at [www.michigan.gov/freshfit](http://www.michigan.gov/freshfit). Fresh Air Fit program costs vary, please check the online event listing for instructor contact information and contact the instructor directly about payment, registration, cancellation policy, and other details.

## Pentwater Library: Programs for All Ages

- **Experience Local History** with author, Sharon Bluhm - Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 PM at the Pentwater United Methodist Church
- **Motown & More** with Vocalist Tony Reynolds - Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:00 PM at Pentwater United Methodist Church
- **Paleo Joe:** Digging Dinosaurs (family friendly program) - Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 PM at the Pentwater Friendship Center



## Smiling Lotus Yoga:

2013 Yoga Schedule  
July 17th – August 23rd, 2013

### SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 9:15 – 10:30 AM  
Lotus Yoga I/II 75 minutes/Pentwater

Thursday 9:15 – 10:30 AM  
Lotus Yoga I 75 minutes/Pentwater

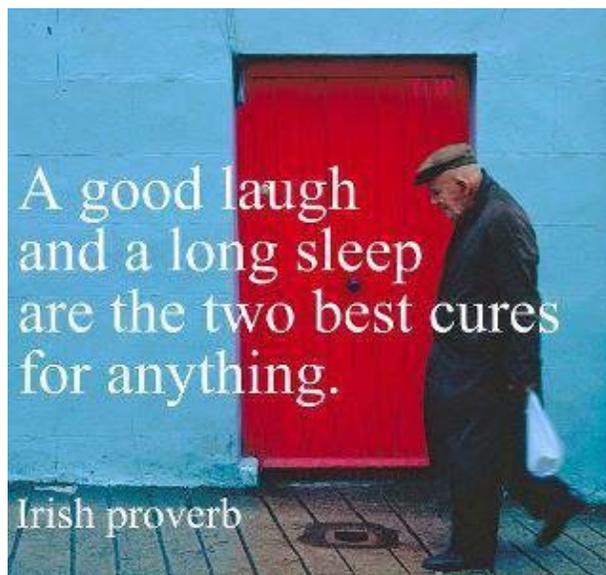
### PENTWATER LOCATION:

Above Shelby State Bank, Downtown Pentwater

## Make-up Class at

### Lakeshore Salon

Mary K. Schumaker will be conducting a Make-up class on September 17 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lakeshore Salon, 57 E. First St. in Pentwater. This is a great opportunity to learn the latest in makeup application techniques. There is no charge for the class but space is limited so you must sign up. You can contact Mary by phone at (231) 869-4602 or by email at: [refresh@lakeshoresalon.com](mailto:refresh@lakeshoresalon.com).



# Summer Classes and Programs...BY LYNNE CAVAZOS continued

## SHARED SPACE STUDIO : JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

### Yoga with Cindy Beth Davis-Dykema:

Every Thursday from 6-7pm, \$10 for a 60-minute class, all levels welcome



### Childbirth Classes with Suzie Knoll:

Weds 6:30-8:30pm July 3-24, \$150, Feel informed, inspired, and confident going into birth.



### Creative Memories Workshops with Deb Leishman:

Wednesdays from 5-9pm on July 31st, August 28th, September 25th - \$5



### Painting with Cheri Petri:

Tuesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, ongoing, Beginner to advanced, \$180 for 8 weeks

Tuesdays 1-3:30 pm, ongoing, Beginner to advanced, \$180 for 8 weeks

### Learn to Print on a Letterpress with Mary Lulich:

July 13 9am-12pm & July 22 6-9pm, \$40.00 class & \$30 custom dies register 3 weeks before



### Mystery Quilt Class with Amy Shotwell:

August 3rd, 9am-6pm, \$110 workshop includes the pattern and fabric, lunch and snacks

### Block of the Month with Amy Shotwell: Learn different quilting techniques monthly

Every 3rd Friday 6-8pm for 10 months: July 26th, Aug 16th, Sept 20th - \$15 per class



### PAINTING THE TOWN RED (AND YELLOW AND BLUE) with Maxine MacLeod:

Learn to tell about your surroundings with watercolor! Sept 11th, 12th, and 13th, 10am-4pm - \$175

### Teen Art Classes with Michele Anscombe:

Art Discoveries -11am-1pm Weds: June 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - \$45 Ages 10-14

The Drawing Experience- 2-4pm Weds: June 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> \$45 Age 11-18

### Sunday Evening Art Talks with Shared Space Artists-in-Residence:

Our visiting artists from across the country and Canada will present their work in an informal talk with Q&A and refreshments at this free event each week August 4th to September 1st at 6pm

Full Class descriptions and online registration at [www.sharedspacestudio.com](http://www.sharedspacestudio.com)



# NEWS AROUND TOWN...

BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

## First Baptist Church of Pentwater

Pastor Mark Lillie, his wife Melanie, and the entire congregation of the First Baptist Church have been looking forward to building a new church here in Pentwater.



Finally, the time was right and the new church is a reality. Fortunately, the historic First Baptist Church, built in 1896, has been purchased by the Pentwater Historic Society and will continue to be a useful and valuable landmark in the Village.

The new church has a much larger sanctuary that will seat 280 people, a large foyer for fellowship, and easier access through the main entrance with a drive-up ramp. In addition, the new church will feature 3 classrooms, new handicap accessible bathrooms, and office space for Pastor Mark and Melanie. The new First Baptist Church is 6,800 square feet and is "debt free."

The Contractor for the new church is Dan Hunter from Lakeshore General Contracting in Ludington. Dave Slachter of Slachter Homes was contracted to do all of the interior work. The woodwork in the new building is beautiful. The groundbreaking occurred in September of 2012 and excavating began in October of 2012. The church is scheduled to open on Sunday, July 7, 2013. Volunteers from the church have been working on various committees, helping with wiring and painting, and on-going cleanup which has helped to keep the building project moving forward. This has truly been a church community project.

The church has two services scheduled from Memorial Day until Labor Day: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. During the fall, winter, and spring, one service is scheduled at 10:30 AM.

## New to Pentwater -

### Oceana Winery & Vineyards

A new tasting room is coming to Pentwater this July. Greg and Renae Goralski, owners of Oceana Winery and Vineyards in New Era, are bringing their fine wines for your tasting pleasure. The Tasting Room will feature 12 to 15 varieties of wine, which will be available for purchase.



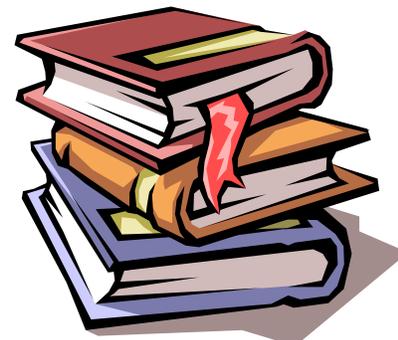
Gifts for wine lovers will also be available and later in the summer additional items will be added, such as specialty cheeses, crackers and dips.

The Tasting Room is scheduled to open in early July. Their summer hours will be: Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 10:00 am, and Sunday, 10:00 am – 6:00 am.

## Pentwater Library – Annual Book Sale

The Annual Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Pentwater Friendship Center.

If you have books to donate, drop them off at the Library. Donations may also be brought to the Friendship Center Friday afternoon prior to the sale or the day of the sale. If you would like to help with the sale, please call the Library at 869-8581 or stop in to sign up.



# NEWS AROUND TOWN... continued

BY LYNNE CAVAZOS

## Turnipseed Mercantile: A Modern General Store



The Turnipseed, a new modern general store, opened for business on May 16, 2013. The store, owned by April Watkins and Clyde Sheets, is located between Max and Chloe's and Pelican Zim on the main street of Pentwater. April grew up in Hart and Clyde in Mount Pleasant. They moved back to the area from the San Francisco Bay Area to be near family.

This new retail venture features something for everyone: kitchenware, motorcycle and boat accessories, and outdoor living and recreational items. The owners describe the products as durable essentials and simple luxuries, which they feel will compliment the downtown community. 80% of the items in the Turnipseed Mercantile are made in the USA with a focus on purchasing products from small family companies. The beach toys are from a Michigan company.

Turnipseed will be open year round. Summer store hours for July through Labor Day will be: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Sundays.



## Welcome to Glenwood Market

A new market, featuring gifts from Northern Michigan, is located on main street in Pentwater where Durand's Wine was previously located. The owners of Glenwood Market, Donna Ervin and Christ Short, decided to expand beyond their Manistee location and selected Pentwater and Frankfurt as ideal new locations.

The products are primarily made in Michigan with 95% coming from Michigan businesses and 5% from friends. The market features: baked goods, a wide selection of salsas and jams, cooking sauces, Michigan themed t-shirts and sweatshirts, and stationary and notecards from the Gwen Frostic Gallery.

Summer hours are: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (or later) Monday – Thursday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM Friday & Saturday, and 12:00 – 6:00 PM on Sunday.

## Sun and Beach in Pentwater

You will find all of your summer needs at a new store located across from the Village Hall. Sun and Beach is open for business 7 days a week from 9:00 AM – 8:00/9:00 PM. The new owner, Amir Sraiem, has filled Sun and Beach with an amazing array of products for all ages.

There is something for everyone in this store: t-shirts and sweatshirts, hats, flip flops, bathing suits for the whole family, men's shorts and shirts, women's sun dresses, and sun glasses. In addition, you can find all types of toys for the beach including goggles and snorkels, tubes, boogie boards, and even inflatable rubber boats.

Sun and Beach also features custom printing at a reasonable cost and any Pentwater logo will be printed on a shirt or sweatshirt of your choice for free.



## The Landing at Gull's Landing

A new store adjacent to Gull's Landing restaurant is now open for business. Diana Russell, owner of both Gull's Landing and the new store The Landing, is featuring all of your favorite wines and beers that you might be missing. In addition, the Landing will be selling smoked fish, a fresh and ready "to go salad bar," specialty foods for your dog – doggie breakfast biscuits and doggie treats and more.

The Landing is also featuring hand-loomed rugs by Mary Helen Blohm, candles, t-shirts, cigars, handmade furniture from reclaimed wood by Ramon Martinez, wooden key and towel racks by Robert Lewis, and "Canvas Allure" large format digital art, by Kurt Lohes.

If you are looking for a late night snack on the weekend, Gulls Landing has Vienna Hot Dogs to go from 11:00 PM – 2:30 AM. They may be open additional evenings if there is a demand. Check the website: [www.gulllanding.com](http://www.gulllanding.com)

Remember that Jazz Night at Gull's Landing will be every Wednesday and Sunday evening from June 19th – Labor Day. Thursday evening is Amateur Musician Night.



# Important Dates for your Calendar

## Events Calendar – July, August, and September – 2013

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| July 3      | Annual Pie Contest and Auction – Village Green: 8am-6pm        |
| July 3      | Pentwater Fireworks at Dusk – State Park                       |
| July 13     | Annual Fine Arts Fair on the Village Green - 9am-6pm           |
| July 19     | Back to the Mac Party - PYC 5 pm                               |
| July 20     | Garden Walk & Blooming Art - Pentwater Garden Club - 1-5pm     |
| July 27     | Whitey Wegner Memorial "Take A Kid Fishing Day"                |
| July 27     | Library Used Book Sale – Friendship Center 9am-2pm             |
| Aug. 8-11   | Pentwater Homecoming Celebration                               |
| Aug. 8      | Strawberry Shortcake Sale – Village Green - 6 pm               |
| Aug. 8      | Les Bailey Memorial Band Concert - Village Green - 7 pm        |
| Aug. 9      | Sand Sculpture Contest – State Park 8 am                       |
| Aug. 9      | Venetian Boat Parade - Pentwater Lake 8pm                      |
| Aug. 10     | MSU Pre-Season Tailgate Party Village Cafe & Pub Noon - 8 p.m. |
| Aug. 10     | Homecoming Grand Parade – 4 pm                                 |
| Aug. 10     | Homecoming Fireworks at Dusk – Charles Mears State Park        |
| Aug 17      | "Shake, Wag 'n Roll" Fair on the Village Green                 |
| Aug 21-24   | Oceana County Fair - Hart Fairgrounds                          |
| Aug. 23-24  | Annual Merchants' Sidewalk Sale                                |
| Aug. 24     | Wooden Boat Show & Parade - Pentwater Yacht Club               |
| Aug. 31     | End of Summer Party - Behind Village Café & Pub                |
| Sept. 7     | Art & Wine at the Harbor - Snug Harbor Marina                  |
| Sept. 14    | COVE Benefit 5K/10K Beach Run/Walk                             |
| Sept. 28-29 | Fall Fest Arts & Crafts Fair on the Village Green              |

### Weekly and Monthly Repeat Events in Pentwater:

- Monday and Thursdays - Farmer's Market (6/4-9/6) from 10 am-2 pm
- Tuesdays - "Pickin' in Pentwater" - Village Green at 7 pm
- Thursdays - Civic Band Concert - Village Green at 8 pm
- Fridays - Bingo at the VFW Hall at 6:30 pm
- Last Friday - Gallery Stroll from 5 pm – 8 pm

\* Be sure to check the Chamber's Event Calendar at [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org) for details and more.



# Pentwater Homecoming

## Theme: Pentwater Favorites

### August 8th-11th

Come home to Pentwater and enjoy our Pentwater Homecoming 2013 Celebration! Many activities and events are planned for your friends and family's enjoyment.

Activities are as follows:

- Pentwater Township Cemetery Tours
- Strawberry Shortcake Social
- Les Bailey Memorial Concert
- Teen Dance
- Sand Sculpture Contest
- Story Telling
- Mason/Oceana County MSU Alumni Golf Scramble
- Pentwater Venetian Boat Parade
- Ray Spychal Invitational Softball
- Horseshoe Tournaments
- Pentwater Yacht Club Ensign Race
- MSU Pre-Season Tailgate Party
- Homecoming Grand Parade at 4pm
- Jazz, Funk, and Pop Village Green Concert
- Scottville Clown Band Mini Concert (Behind Village Cafe & Pub)
- Fireworks at Dusk
- Marine Corps League Pancake Breakfast and more.

See the Chamber Website: [www.pentwater.org](http://www.pentwater.org) for detailed information.

## Launch Sites for Kayaks & Canoes

*Kayaks and Canoes can be launched from the following sites into Pentwater Lake:*

### Lake Street Junior Sailing Site:

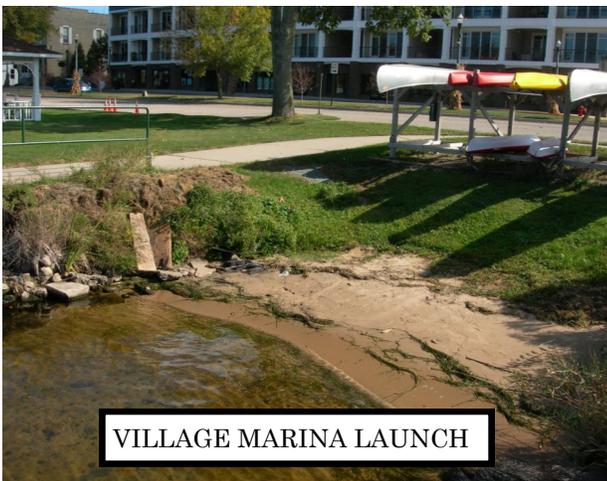
From the beach area where the Junior Sailing Program is located. Parking available in the single parking spaces on the East side of the lot – not in the large spaces designed for vehicles with trailers. If space is available, a kayak or canoe can be stored at this site, with a permit, for \$35 for the season.



JUNIOR SAILING LAUNCH—LAKE ST.

### Village Marina Site:

From the launch area at the South end of the Village Marina near Snug Harbor is a small launch area. Parking is available at the Village Marina. If space is available, a kayak or canoe can be stored at this site, with a permit, for \$50 for the season.



VILLAGE MARINA LAUNCH

### Longbridge Road/90 Degree Bend Site:

From the launch area on Longbridge Road (South side of the Pentwater Lake at the 90 degree bend) is a wide launch area with a dock. Limited parking is available near the launch site with no storage facility available.

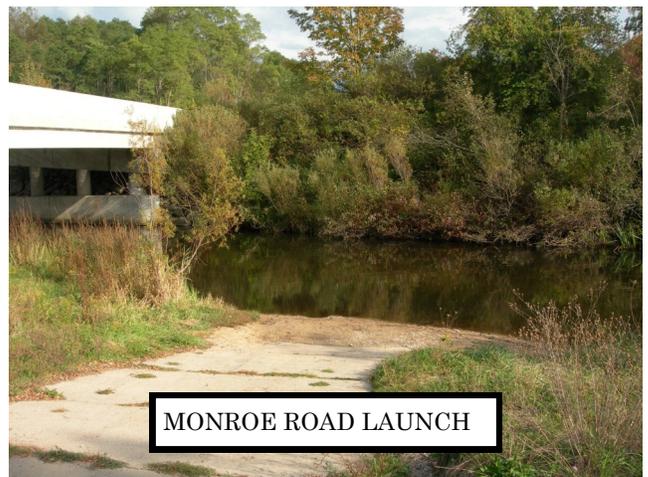


LONGBRIDGE RD/90 DEGREE BEND LAUNCH

*Kayaks and Canoes can be launched from the following site into the Pentwater River:*

### Monroe Rd – Before the Pentwater River Bridge

A launch area is available on the South side of the road just before the Pentwater River Bridge and before the Red Barn. This area has limited parking space with no storage facility available.



MONROE ROAD LAUNCH

## Mushroom Bonanza

*By Joe Primozich*

With an off-again on-again warm spring weather pattern in Pentwater, mushroom hunters were meeting with moderate success for the early part of the picking season. Then the last week of May turned things around. Here is what happened to two Pentwater mushroom gatherers, although getting information about mushroom locations for picking and knowing who collected them can be sketchy. This is due to the secrecy that surrounds good mushroom grounds. So, I was pleased to get the following information.

The spring mushrooms of choice in the Pentwater Lake area are the morels and the oysters. The mushrooms most prized are the morels. The adjoining picture shows two 8 inch giant white morels, found locally, weighing in at .75 lbs. and .33 lbs. At a mushroom festival, they would bring \$40 or more. In the other pictures, Jim Mize is showing his technique for taking white oyster mushrooms from dying aspen trees in his secret spots. He uses a trimming saw for harvesting those too high up the tree. He proudly announced that he had gotten a pound of oysters off one tree that day and filled half of a five gallon pail. This easily provided dinner for a neighborhood gathering. So if you see people with a bag walking in the woods during the spring, mark the spot, as this could be your go-to spot for a meal of mushrooms in the future.



# Summary of Lakes And Streams Conference

## April 26 – 27, 2013

By Bill Bainton

There were three main topics at this years conference: fisheries, fracking, and natural shorelines. While our fisheries are closely monitored and remain productive, and there is little doubt that natural stream and lake shorelines are beneficial, fracking is an emotional and controversial issue with many questions and safety issues still unanswered. What follows is a synopsis of this year's speaker topics. The data given is from the speakers and has not been fact checked.

### **Fisheries:**

**Jim Francis of the DNR** talked about the inland lake fishery. He began by giving some background including that Michigan has over 1100 lakes of over 100 acres and over 63,000 of .1 acres or more.

His focus was on the near shore littoral zone which is home to 65 native species plus frogs, turtles, and shore birds. Fish biomass is directly related to aquatic plants, and better fishing lakes have moderate amounts of plants. He cited about 36% as being optimal for bass, slightly less for bluegill. Seawalls create barriers for shoreline plants and animals, and the reflected wave energy makes it easier for invasive species to spread. Because of the seawalls affect on the food chain, ultimately algae growth increases.

A vegetated shoreline also helps keep geese off yards.

**Brian Burroghs of Trout Unlimited** talked about the cold water stream fishery and the relationship of water temperature to trout. Among the challenges the fishery faces are climate change, invasives, hydrofracking, dams and road crossings, water withdrawals, and poor agricultural practices. In general, although it faces threats, the cold water stream fishery is still in decent condition.

**Steve Pothoven of NOAA** spoke on the great lakes fisheries. Quagga mussels have become a big problem, damaging the phytoplankton and now even crowding out zebra mussels. Trawls now contain about 5 times as many mussels as bait fish by weight. The shrimp population is declining; signs show they may be being starved. Even if the mussels and non-native gobies disappear, the lakes won't return to what they once were.

### **Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking):**

**Jim Ambruster of the DEQ** opened this forum with an explanation from the DEQ perspective. The deep wells are in the 9000 to 10000 foot ranges in Utica and Collingwood shale. Most ground water is in drift at 80 to 200 feet. Fracturing has been done in Michigan since 1952, originally in vertical wells and using only about 90 thousand gallons of water. Now it uses more than twice that in a typical well. The fracking fluid is 99.5% water along with sand and chemicals, many of which are proprietary so can be unnamed. The used water is pumped back into spent deep wells for disposal. It is claimed that burning gas replaces about 2/3 of the water used.

**Kevin Heatley** gave an ecologist's point of view. He pointed out that almost every state will claim that its regulations are the toughest. He called the placement of wells "dispersed industrialization". He presented figures giving \$7.3 trillion in loss of natural capital and \$120 billion in cost from invasive species annually due to fracking. He also stated that because the gas is shipped elsewhere, the water is not replaced locally. Kevin spoke of edge forests (those nearest roads or fields) and interior forests (those at least 300 feet from any opening) and explained how the placement of the wells turns interior forests into edge forests which are more vulnerable to invasives. It is important to recognize unintended consequences, cascading effects, and cumulative effects. The recipe for invasives is 1. organism, 2. disturbance, and 3. transport mechanism. He closed by stating that reclamation is not restoration and once it is gone, it can't be brought back.

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**Jim Peters** gave the oil and gas industry perspective. Addressing water use, he said fracking uses .8% of total water used. Irrigation uses 90% of water used in US. He disputed global warming and the need for alternative energy. He concluded by implying that you can have fracturing or else have wind farms in your back yard, essentially in his view making it an either/or choice.

The question and answer period got rather heated. There were several water well drillers there who pointed out that regulations for their wells are more stringent than for a fracked well. A caisson driller pointed out how difficult it is to control thickness of concrete and wondered how oilmen can insure that the thickness of concrete can be uniform and of the correct thickness throughout the depth of the well.

### Natural Shorelines and Water Quality:

**Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones** talked about nutrient management and healthy fisheries. Dying algae and decaying vegetation release CO<sub>2</sub> which leads to fish kills. She addressed oxygen levels, and phosphorus content, and the need for O<sub>2</sub> throughout the water column.

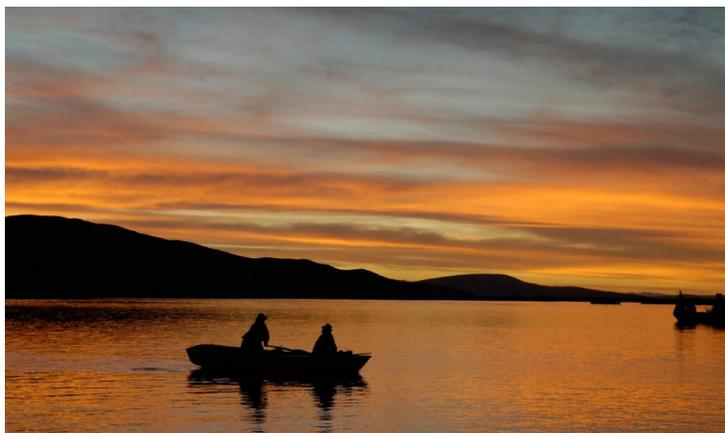
Her 8 tools of watershed protection:

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| 1. Planning                   | 2. Conservation    | 3. Buffer zone at least 50 feet |
| 4. Site design                | 5. Erosion control | 6. Storm water management       |
| 7. Non-storm water management | 8. Stewardship     |                                 |

**Patty Hoch-Melluish** talked about stream restoration. It is a holistic process with four main components: structure, substrate, vegetation, and bank stability. Buffer zones are extremely important for stabilization, habitat, and runoff control.

**Kip Cronk** talked about natural shorelines. 90% of all lake life depends on shallow water and 10-15 meters of adjacent shoreline. Broken concrete and hard seawalls damage the transition zones. He recommends developing at most 25% with the other 75% natural.

Thank you to the board for letting me represent PLA at this conference.





## Storybook Village of Pentwater Announces their Expansion of Starlight Theatre

For the past three seasons, Storybook Village has been a popular destination in Pentwater, delighting local and visiting children and families with their classic stories, enchanting puppets, silk dress-ups and storytelling treasures from around the world. Enhancing the imagination of children has always been the mission and passion of Barbara and Tom Sims, owners of Storybook Village located on the corner of South Hancock Street in Pentwater across from the public marina. “Our special literary collections exposes children to wonderful language, extraordinary art and enchanting tales from many cultures”, said Barbara Sims, a retired school teacher and administrator. Barbara feels that a well crafted and well presented story, can stimulate and fuel the imaginations of children, transporting them into known and unknown worlds, exposing them to emotions and relationships and helping them understand the structure and sheer joy of stories. The magic of a great story is that it can be re-imagined by the storyteller, which of course involves and engages the children who bring the story to life using puppets, expressive language and creative expression.



This summer, Barbara and Tom have been working on a new chapter of Storybook Village called *Starlight Theatre* and it is a marvel to see and experience. Once inside Storybook Village, families will enter the new addition which will focus on the dramatic, creative and expressive art of storytelling, through a life-like working lighthouse! Nestled in this magical new village neighborhood, behind the glass doors and windows for all to enjoy, is *Starlight Theatre* with a very special surprise inside - children and families who visit *Starlight Theatre* will step right inside a story! The walls of this special theatre, including the bathroom walls, are hand painted with scenes from some of the favorite stories in Storybook Village including Barefoot Book's *Starlight Sailor*, with its dreamlike watercolors and enchanting story by James Mayhue, illustrated by Jackie Morris. The story tells of a young boy and his dog who set sail to distant lands in an enchanting dream landscape.

Artists from Northwoods Signs in Ludington were selected for this project to help bring this enchanting story to life, which includes a nine and a half foot tall sand castle puppet theatre! *Starlight Theatre* will be the showcase for many activities to engage children of all ages in “hands on” creative expression including: “Family and Me Fun” for toddlers and their families; hour-long “Story Stretchers” for preschool and older children; extended acting and improvisation lessons; Yoga for children and families; and “Story Sculpting” a delightful activity using clay to sculpt and act out a story!

The grand opening of *Starlight Theatre* is July 4<sup>th</sup> and special story-time sessions and events will be posted on their website at [www.astorybookvillage.com](http://www.astorybookvillage.com) or call to make reservations at 231-869-3120. A very special event to mark the opening of *Starlight Theatre* will be a visit from Michigan's own Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, “Nick” and his wife Robbyn Smith, wild life illustrator and author of *Adopted by an Owl* and other beloved Michigan “Legend” Books. Come and experience this new adventure in Pentwater and make a memory that will last a lifetime!



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Standing: Bill Bainton, Tony Monton, Joe Primozich, George Richey,  
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**New Board Members will be listed in the October newsletter.**

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## *Spring Record Fish Catches in Pentwater*



**Brian Sceone from the Pentwater Angler**

Brian Sceone of the Pentwater Angler reported the following catches out of Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan this spring. In Pentwater Lake the best perch was 14.5 inches, best crappie was 17.5 inches, a northern pike was 37 inches, and a walleye pike was 11.4 pounds. The last two were caught in the channel. The best catch out of Lake Michigan King Salmon was 23.7 pounds.

*Membership Application*

### PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION

*Membership Application*

*"For the love of the Lake"*

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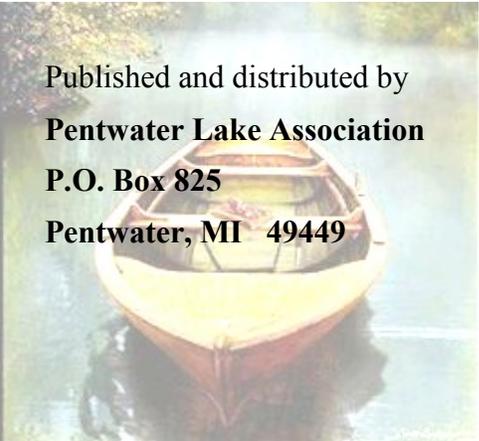
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A photograph of a yellow and red rowing boat on a calm lake. The boat is in the foreground, and the water reflects its colors. The background shows a soft-focus view of the lake and surrounding trees.

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